

## **Land & Water Conservation Committee**

April 5, 2013

Sitzberger called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on April 5, 2013 in the Lower Level Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members; Ralph Sitzberger, Dennis Nielsen, Kathleen Rushlow, Mary Kim Black, Lorin Johnson; and others - Mariquita Sheehan, Ted Ritter, Rollie Alger (VCLRA), Bill Lochte (ULERCLC), and Dennis Burg (ERCLA).

The following County Board member(s) was excused:

The following County Board member(s) was absent:

Media present:

**Approve Agenda: Motion made by Rushlow, second by Nielsen, to approve the agenda in any order at the chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Approve Minutes: Motion made by Rushlow, second by Nielsen, to approve the minutes from March 1, 2013 of this committee. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program:**

Irish had no report and did not attend.

**Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA):**

**ULERCLC** – Lochte reported that the ER Chain only had to treat 44.9 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil in 2012, but late season surveys found 116.2 acres that need to be treated in 2013 at a cost of \$104,000+. ERCLA is starting on a chain-wide Lake management Planning cycle this year, with 2 lakes to start.

**VCLRA** – Alger stated that the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention will be April 9-11, 2013 in Green Bay, and the “Celebrating Lakes Day” will be on June 14, 2013 at the Conserve School in Land O’Lakes. Alger also shared that VCLRA was awarded a grant to purchase Dissolved Oxygen sampling equipment for Citizen Lake Monitors on the west side of Vilas Co. They will purchase the equipment and it will be stored at the UW Trout Lake Station. Alger then shared a DNR presentation on the monitoring of herbicide affects on EWM and native plant species. Rushlow requested a hard copy of the presentation for all the Supervisors.

*Johnson left 10:35*

**Funding of statewide AIS programs – WI Lakes proposal:** Ritter will email information about the proposal to Supervisors.

*Alger, Lochte, and Burg left 10:45*

**DATCP Business:**

- **Annual DATCP Grant Funding Application 2014. Motion by Nielsen, second by Black to approve the application. All voting aye, motion carried.**
- Scholl will share a draft of the letter to DATCP regarding the changes to ATCP 50, with cc’s to our State Assembly representatives, WLWCA, WI DNR Secretary Stepp and NOR Director Gozdziński, when she returns.

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### **Agent reports - UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D:**

**LWCD:** Staff distributed their written reports (on file in the LWCD office). Scholl's report contained her verbal highlights. Sheehan shared information about the grant proposal she is writing to partially fund the Conservation Specialist position. Ritter has received many requests for Information and Education presentations.

### **Out-of-county travel:**

**A motion by Rushlow, second by Black, to approve the following out of county travel:** Scholl – May 8 to Wisconsin Rapids for the spring County Conservationist meeting and WLWCA BOD meeting. Sheehan – April 8-11 to the 2013 Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Green Bay., and April 17 to the Lumberjack RC&D meeting in Oconto. Ritter – April 30 to Stevens Point of Statewide AIS Coordinators meeting. **Motion carried, all voting aye.**

### **Monthly Budget Review:**

An update of the budget was presented to the committee along with the statement of the bills paid.

**Motion by Rushlow, second by Nielsen, to approve the review of the budget update.**

**Motion carried, all voting aye.**

### **Letters and Communications:**

The following items are on file in the LWCD office: DATCP Report March 2013; Forestry Notes, March 2013; Grazing Network News, February 2013. A registered letter received from the Town of Presque Isle, regarding the abandonment of one portion of West Van Vliet Rd and laying out another portion of West Van Vliet Rd.

### **Future Meeting Dates/Items:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday May 3, 2013 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521. State Senator Tom Tiffany and Representative Rob Swearingen are invited guests.

### **Adjournment:**

**Meeting was adjourned by Sitzberger at 10:55 a.m.**

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: *Quita Sheehan*